JOINING JESUS ON HIS MISSION -#5
And
The Implications for Our Lutheran Church—Anytown, Iowa

Based on the book JOINING JESUS ON HIS MISSION, by Greg Finke.

**Foundation Work:** Matthew 13:47-52 “The Parable of the Net”
1. What is the central point of the parable?

2. What will be the determining factor between wicked and righteous?

3. When will that determination be made? What is the implication for today?

4. How do you interpret verse 52 and how does it fit into this passage?

5. What new treasures and old treasures do you find from the “storeroom” of scripture?

**Chapter 9-11 Review and Discussion**
1. General observations?

2. Rev. Finke speaks of the kingdom of heaven being near and how it is recognized. On page 84 (paragraph 4) he instructs us to look for the kingdom by watching “Jesus in the Gospels.” What is his point about knowing where to look for the kingdom working and readying others? What part of our ministry at our congregation focuses on this budding kingdom work?

3. On page 92 (paragraph 2 bottom), the author says, “Because the Spirit of Jesus lives in us, we are literally the visible body of the invisible Jesus to the people around us.” He goes on further to say we Jesus-followers are “Jesus, with _______ on.” How are you doing on that? How does this change your perspective of “church?” Who has been Jesus with _______ on to you?
4. On page 94, the book points out that “little” is as good as “big” for the kingdom work we have been given. The idea that something little produces big results is a central theme of God for His people. Any examples come to mind? In the bottom paragraph, he speaks of things that may not be noticed by thousands but make a difference to the one. Does this speak to your heart?

5. Do the last two sentences of chapter 10 give you any comfort in your ministry task ahead? Does it speak to our congregation as well as to the individual? How might it shape our efforts at “ministry planting?”

6. Chapter 11 focuses on getting into position for being an everyday missionary. Whom does He have you in position with and for? How are you 'Jesus with skin on' for them?

7. What do you think of the five step missionary practices the author lays out on page 98 as a daily lifestyle? How might that help you be ready? Does it suggest we should be doing anything different here?

8. So far in the book, what is the role of the church building?

**HOMEWORK for NEXT WEEK: Chapters 12-14**